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In accordance with Article 8 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), California-American Water Company ("California American Water") hereby files this notice of its ex parte meeting with Commissioner Bohn's Advisor, Laura Krannawitter.

On Monday, May 14, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., Kent Turner and Kevin Tilden of California American Water and Lori Anne Dolqueist of Steefel, Levitt & Weiss, counsel for California American Water, met with Ms. Krannawitter in her office at the Commission. The meeting lasted approximately thirty minutes. The meeting consisted solely of oral communications. At the meeting Messrs. Turner and Tilden and Ms. Dolqueist discussed the *Proposed Decision of ALJ Walwyn*, issued May 7, 2007 ("Proposed Decision"). Messrs. Turner and Tilden and Ms. Dolqueist argued that the return on equity in the Proposed Decision is too low and does not properly take into account California American Water's financial risk. Messrs. Turner and Tilden and Ms. Dolqueist also argued that the proposed decision's position that implementation of a Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ("WRAM") should lead to a downward adjustment in return on equity is incorrect and premature.

Parties may request a copy of this notice by contacting:

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Cinthia A. Velez, declare as follows:

I am employed in the City and County of San Francisco, California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to this action. My business address is STEEFEL, LEVITT & WEISS, One Embarcadero Center, 30th Floor, San Francisco, California 94111-3719. On May 17, 2007, I served the within:

California-American Water Company Notice of Ex Parte Communications

on the interested parties in this action addressed as follows:

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(BY PUC E-MAIL SERVICE) By transmitting such document(s) electronically from Steefel, Levitt & Weiss, San Francisco, California, to the electronic mail addresses listed above. I am readily familiar with the practices of Steefel, Levitt & Weiss for transmitting documents by electronic mail, said practice being that in the ordinary course of business, such electronic mail is transmitted immediately after such document has been tendered for filing. Said practice also complies with Rule 1.1 of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and all protocols described therein.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on March 17, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Cinthia A. Velez
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